

ABSTRACT

AL-IA-071

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(150)
Artemas, Pennsylvania vicinity
Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)
1902 (new monument first set
additional site)

Milestone No. ---(150) marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3500 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(149), and a little more than 140 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It is a very plain/^{dressed}Cockeysville marble monument of 1902, of the same design/^{and stone source}as 65 other monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill; is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square capped by a low pyramidal top and stands about 1½ feet above ground. The only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, the year of the original Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, and the year set by the 1900-03 Resurvey (1902) on the west side. This monument is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of some 248 markers still defining the West Line,^{the boundary}later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 27 new monuments of 1902, of a total of 37 marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(150) is also significant as it contributes to the visual integrity of the boundary and as a reminder of the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IA-071

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)
HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 150)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Fifteen Mile Creek Road/T-312

CITY, TOWN

Artemas

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / P: 9

STATE

Pennsylvania

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT

☒ PUBLIC

☐ OCCUPIED

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ PRIVATE

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ BOTH

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☒ ACCESSIBLE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☒ OBJECT

☐ IN PROCESS

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ not applicable

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ NO

☐ MILITARY

☒ OTHER: state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IA-071 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(150) marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 3500 feet west of the preceding monument, No. ---(149) and a little more than 140 horizontal miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. It was a new Cockeysville marble monument^{when} set in 1902 at an additional site^{on the line} during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; is in excellent condition, unaltered, measures about 10 inches square and stands about 1½ feet above ground.

The area here is a broad, unnamed hill, mostly cleared as a ^{small colored} residential development and surrounded by deciduous woodlands. The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Mann Township of Bedford County, PA; west of Fifteenmile Creek and east of Bear Camp Branch; at a point about 2600 feet west of Fifteen Mile Creek Road/^{T-312} at the Line and about 1100 feet south of the development road (on the south side and paralleling a small stream and T-305); near the top of the hill, on the north edge of the cleared area (south edge of the woods) about 75 feet west of the northeast corner of an unimproved Lot 6 and gravel development road; about 200 feet south of the old pipeline, about 200 feet north of the only house in sight (a yellow prefab on the top of the hill). It can be seen from the house and gravel road but not from the main road, and is protected for the time being until more development takes place.

The monument, as with all 1902 monuments set west of Sideling Hill except for the replica crownstone No. ---(169) in Ellerslie, is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, ^{about 10 inches square by} measured/about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet high with about 3 feet for setting into the ground. The only embellishments are the blocky capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, V-sunk without serifs, with the year of the original Mason and Dixon survey in this area on the east side (1766) and the year set by the 1900-03 Resurvey on the west side (1902), all horizontally aligned as a band near the top. The letters and dates are clear and intact, as are the top planes and apex except for small chips at all top corners. The surfaces are mottled with lichen, especially the top.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY the several styles of new
monuments set in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey and their method of setting them)

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1766 (boundary survey) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
1902 (monument) SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(150) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This section of the West Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked with cairns the following year, and this additional site on the Line monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble marker during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 27 of these new markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(150) is also significant as a reminder of the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Artemas (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 71838, northing 439986

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY Bedford

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey 9/20/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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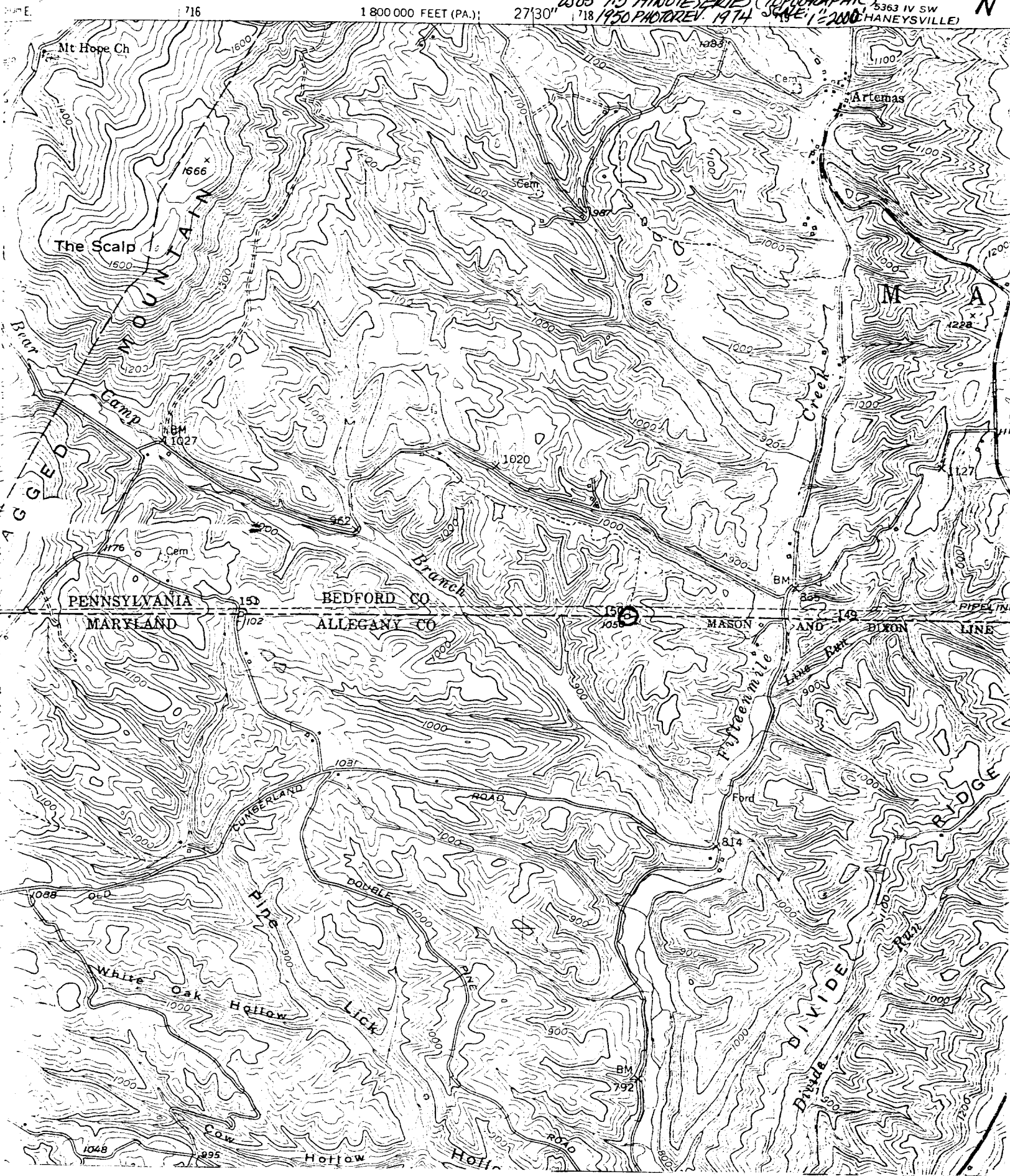
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(151) —: (STATE 1111 SET 1902)

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STATES
OF THE INTERIOR
AL SURVEY

MASON EDIXON WEST LINE, MILESTONE -- 150)
ARTEMAS QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA - WEST VIRGINIA
USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
18 1950 PHOTO REV. 1974 SCALE 1"=2000' (HANEYSVILLE)





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MASON, EDIXON, WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (156)
STONE MONUMENT (1902)
SE CORNER (H/1766)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 9/20/81 (1981.85.2)



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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (150)

STONE MONUMENT (1902)

NW CORNER (P/1902)

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